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SUBJ: THAI RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIA

1. ON MAY 1 GENERAL KRIANGSAK TOLD EMBOFF THAT VISITINGCAMBODIAN MILITARY DELEGATION MEMBERS HEADED BY DEPUTY TO SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ WERE "VERY CONFIDENT, EVEN MORE SO THAN IN HIS PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH THEM. RE MILITARY SITUATION, HE NOTED THAT KHMERS HAD NO PRESENT PLAN TO RECAPTURE OUDONG BUT WERE HOLDING STRONG POINT TO THE NORTH; THEY HAD REOPENED ROUTE 1 ON APRIL 30; AND VISITORS HAD TOLD HIM MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLING THEIR COMMUNIST OCCUPIERS AND FLEEING TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

2. KRIANGSAK INDICATED THAT HIS VISITORS WERE PLACING THEIR STRATEGIC HOPES ON POLITICAL SOLUTION. THEY CONSIDER KHIEU SAMPHAN TO BE ONE KEY TO SETTLEMENT. THEY PLAN TO CONTACT HIM INDIRECTLY (JUST HOW WAS NOT SPECIFIED) AND ARE COUNTING ON HIS NATIONALIST SENTIMENTS TO SUPPORT REASONABLE SETTLEMENT. PEKING IS SEEN AS ANOTHER KEY, PLAYING MORE IMPORTANT ROLE THAN HANOI. KRIANGSAK SAID CAMBODIANS ARE CONCERNED WHETHER KHIEU SAMPHAN AND IENG SARY WILL SEE EYE-TO-EYE. THEY CONSIDER OTHER KHMER INSURGENT LEADERS AS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE
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THAN THESE TWO.

3. KRIANGSAK SAID RTG IS ASSIGNING TWO AIR FORCE OFFICERS TO ETAT-MAJOR AS LIAISON AND WILL WITHDRAW DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTER THIS WEEK. RTG IS ESTABLISHING CONSULATES AT BATTAMBANG AND KOH KUNG AND WILL ATTACH MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THESE OFFICES SO THAT THAIS CAN SAY THEY HAVE "NO MILITARY IN CAMBODIA."

4. RE SECURING CLEARANCE FOR SUPPLIES FROM THAILAND REQUIRED IN CAMBODIA FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, KRIANGSAK SAID THAT GKR SHOULD CONTACT SUPREME COMMAND DIRECTLY TO ARRANGE REQUIRED THAI CLEARANCES. HE APPARENTLY PREFERS THIS APPROACH EVEN WHEN GOODS IN QUESTION ARE FINANCED BY US.
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